RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 26 2006

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Joseph M. DePaso et al.

Docket No.: 2251.0

Serial No.: 10/710,988

Examiner: Upton, C.

Filed: 08/16/2004

Group Art Unit: 1724

FOR: WATER SCREEN

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on attached form PTO/SB/08. Copies of the listed documents are also attached. The documents include the European Search Report of European Patent Application No. 05254754.4, which is a counterpart of this U.S. application. The Search Report was prepared on December 15, 2005. Neither this Statement nor the listing of these documents on Form PTO/SB/08 is an admission that the documents are prior art as to applicants' invention or a representation that a search has been made or that no more pertinent documents exist. Applicants respectfully request that the attached documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the referenced patent application. Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office (the European Patent Office) in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months before the filing of this statement. Because this statement is being filed before the mailing of a

s:\2251,0\suppids a

Notice of Allowance, as indicated by the attached Private Pair page of January 26, 2006, no fee should be due. If, however, any fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 12-0090.

Respectfully submitted, Joseph M. DePaso et al.

Date: 26, 2006

By:

James T. Cronvich Reg. No. 33163 Laitram, L.L.C. 220 Laitram Lanc

Harahan, Louisiana 70123 Telephone: (504) 570-1243 Facsimile: (504) 734-5233

PTC/SB/08A (07-05)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0851-0031

U.S. Petern and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number. Complete if Known Substitute for form 1449/PTO Application Number 10/710,988 Filing Date 08/16/2004 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE First Named Inventor DePaso STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Art Unit 1724 (Use as many aheeta as necessary) UPTON, Christopher

Examiner Name Attorney Docket Number | 2251.0 Sheet 1

	U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS  Varning Cite   Document Number   Publication Date   Name of Patentee or   Pages, Columns, Lines, When						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Document Number  Number-Kind Code <sup>2 (# known)</sup>	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear		
		<sup>US-</sup> 4676893	06-30-1987	Travade et al.			
		<sup>US-</sup> 1579105	03-30-1926	Green			
-	1	US- 4541930	09-17-1985	Heidler et al.			
		US- 1420283	06-20-1922	Randlett			
		<sup>US-</sup> 4188294	02-12-1980	Hagihara			
		U\$-					
		us-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
		US-					
	1	US-					
	<del>                                     </del>	US-					
	<b>†</b>	U\$-					
<del> · · · ·</del>	<b>†</b>	US-					
	1	US-	-				
	1	US-	<u> </u>	-			
		US-	-	· · · · · ·			
	<b>†</b>	US-	<del></del>	-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Inthats*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages	
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> "Number <sup>4</sup> "Kind Code <sup>3</sup> (# (mown)	MM-DD-YYYY	· ·	Or Relevant Figures Appear	⊤ª
	1	FR-2195563-A	03-08-1974	Puretic		
		GB-2254572-A	10-14-1992	Envirex Inc.	1 11	
	1	FR-2478157-A	09-18-1981	Chard-Hutchinson		
	<u> </u>			_		
	1					

Examiner		Date		
Signature	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Considered		

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 509. Draw line through distinn if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspio.gov">www.uspio.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. Senter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the sental number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of Information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Christ Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Abexandria. VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need essistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

PTO/SB/08B (08-03) ad for use through 07/31/2008, OMB 0651-0031

110	Delan and Tradement (1960) II S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMENC
U.3.	Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERC
Unifor the Panenyork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to 8 co	
The Jack to Described Reduction Act of 1995, no nomine are remained to 6000000 to 9.00	lladion of information (Inters II contents a valid Civid Collului (IVIIII)

	le for form 1449/PTO			Complete if Known		
, Sonsiio	igidi idini 1448/F10			Application Number	10/710,988	
INF	ORMATION	DIS	CLOSURE	Filing Date	08/16/2004	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT				First Named Inventor	DePaso	
	~!	-4		Art Unit	1724	
	(Use as many she	.ecs 89 n	eceseary)	Examiner Name	UPTON, Christopher	
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	2251.0	

		NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²
		European Patent Office Search Report, European Patent Application No. 05254754.4, Search Completion Date: 15 December 2005	

Examiner	Date
Signature	Considered

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

<sup>\*</sup>EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through distion if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

considered. Include copy of this form was need communication to applicants to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, Including sathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form end/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450. Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: